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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**SEALABLE CASKET HAVING MEMORABILIA COMPARTMENT**

the specification of which (check one below):

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was filed on 01/27/2000 as Application Serial No. 09/492,032 or Express Mail No.   , and was amended on    (if applicable).

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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## Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed?

(Number)	(Country)	Day/Month/Year Filed	( ) Yes ( ) No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 and/or §119(e) of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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